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CONGRATULATIONS

Danny Barth

Bar To The Order Of The Silver Protea
and 50 year Bar To the Long Service Medal

Larry Adams

20 years Long Service Award

Jan Hopkins

20 years Long Service Award

Gloria Welsh

Certificate of Merit

Dawn Muller

Certificate of Merit

Madeleine Roberts

Scouter's Spouse Certificate

Alan Wheeler

Scouter's Spouse Certificate

Ernie Pike

Scouter's Spouse Certificate

Robin Anthony Watson

1st Cotswold - Leaping Wolf

Jared David Dyer

1st Lorraine - Leaping Wolf

Chad Firkin

Representing Eastern Province (u/10) in the
Triathlon Nationals at Langebaan

Kevin Gillmer

Representing Eastern Province (40-44 yrs)
in the Triathlon Nationals at Langebaan.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10 March	Cub Water Challenge, Uitenhage Pool
17-18 March	Scout Kontiki, Redhouse, PE
18 March	Cub Kontiki, Redhouse, PE
23-25 March	Cub & Scout Warrant Course, South Eastern Region, Butterworth
31 March	Scout Night Hike, Port Elizabeth
01 April	Cub Soccer Challenge, PE
07 April	100 km Challenge Hike
13-15 April	Cub & Scout Warrant Course, South Eastern Region, Butterworth
23 April	St. George's Day
27-29 April	Team Scream, Cape Western
10-19 Dec	6th SANJAMB, Vaal Dam, Gauteng
2002	
02-12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU

B.P. DINNER

The annual B.P. Dinner in Port Elizabeth on Saturday 24th February drew a record attendance. Scouters from as far afield as East London, Butterworth and Umtata were present.

The dinner, hosted by 1st Cotswold, was held at the 1st Cotswold Hall. From the beautiful table décor to the tasty food served – everything was exemplary. The 1st Cotswold committee and Akela Leslie Pike are to be truly commended and thanked for hosting such a wonderful evening. Thanks too, to Scout Calvin Garner who was such an efficient waitron.

Guest Speaker at the Dinner was Dr Paul Martin, Head of Conservation in the Parks Department. His talk on "Port Elizabeth and its Environs" was accompanied by a slide show. There are numerous hiking trails in the Port Elizabeth vicinity and he encouraged the public, Scouts in particular, to make use of them.

The B.P. Dinner is also the venue where Scouting Awards are presented to adults. Congratulations to all the recipients. Madeleine Roberts, Alan Wheeler and Ernie Pike received Scouter's Spouse Certificates. Gloria Welsh and Dawn Muller were presented with Certificates of Merit. Long serving Larry Adams and Jan Hopkins received 20 Years Long Service Awards and stalwart Danny Barth received a 50 Year Bar to the Long Service Award. Then, most specially, the Bar To The Order Of The Silver Protea was presented to Danny Barth. This award has to be presented by someone who holds an Order of The Silver Protea and so Colin Stretton did the honours. Speaking to Danny after the event he admitted total surprise at receiving such a prestigious award, especially as he sits on the National Committee that decides on these awards. "My fellow members were very quiet on this one!" he said.



AWARDS MADE AT PB DINNER

Back L-R: Alan Wheeler, Larry Adams, Danny Barth, Ernie Pike
Front L-R: Dawn Muller, Madeleine Roberts, Jan Hopkins



BAR TO THE ORDER OF THE SILVER PROTEA
L-R: Colin Stretton, Danny Barth, Ernie Pike

MEMO

from **n**kwenkwe **n**komo

To: **Danny**

Date:

my brother
you are indeed an inspiration to
us and i hope and pray that
your fine example will continue
to inspire the young.

thanks a stack for keeping your
shoulder on the wheel.

fraternal greetings

Nkwenkwe Nkomo

CITATION FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT, NKWENKWE NKOMO,
TO SCOUTER DANNY BARTH

A PAT ON THE BACK FOR OUTTRAY

We have received an e-mail from Ian Webb, South African Scouting's Webmaster on ian@scouting.org.za on the excellence of OUTTRAY, both for content and presentation and he also congratulates us that the publication is available on the web. He has now linked OUTTRAY to ScoutWeb South Africa (<http://www.scouting.org.za/outtray>) with current and back issues, and a link to our site. He has added links to OUTTRAY from our Scouting Library, Newsletter and What's New pages.

DARRYL GARNER'S U.S. TRIP

One of the participants on the Cub Warrant Course held at Gilsprings was Darryl Garner of 1st Cotswold. The Cubs of 1st Cotswold and 1st Uitenhage (SOE) got to know Darryl at their recent Cub Camp and, to quote from Akela Leslie's report in **The Kudu Horn**: "The person that really excelled at camp was Darryl Garner, aka Dr Chil. He took control of the boys and had them doing exactly what he said. The best way was to get the boys to 'freeze' at any time. This was hilarious at times. It was quite amazing to see how Darryl got the boys going. His American experience has certainly helped him a lot."

With acknowledgements to "The Kudu Horn", Darryl's report on his U.S. trip:

Howdy! I recently arrived back from the States after a 6-month trip. I went to New Hampshire first to my Uncle and Aunt. It's really beautiful there and very mountainous. From there I went to New York for my orientation where we were taught about the kids and what to expect. New York is huge and high and there seem to be so many old people there. I went through Central Park and to a very old church as well - extremely beautiful. I went to the camp and spent three months there. I was given training to work at the ropes course, which is basically a mountaineering course. I was at the rope course all day. My basic camp routine was:

7.00am	Revelry (the trumpet making a really annoying sound with the camp director's voice in the background, usually followed by her favourite song, the Copacabana). The kids then clean the bunks and get ready for the day.
8.45am	Breakfast
9.30am	I would be up at the ropes ready for the first class
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Back to the ropes course
5.30pm	Supper
6.30pm	There would be a dance every Sunday but they would also have pizza parties, bowling trips, movies, etc.
10.30pm	Bedtime

They would also go on outings to theme parks and chip factories. I was lucky to go to New York for a free trip with the kids and we went to Broadway to see "Phantom of the Opera", to South Street Sea Port and to the Statue of Liberty. During the day the kids would have activities like go-carts, dirt bikes, archery, swimming, sports, etc., so they were kept busy the whole time. I left camp to go to Florida for two weeks and went to Key West, the Everglades National Park, and Disneyland and stayed in Fort Meyers Beach, Florida. I went back to my uncle in New Hampshire after a 44-HOUR BUS TRIP. I was met with snowy and very cold conditions after two weeks of 30-40 deg. weather with 100% humidity. It took me 4 days to get back home and I was very tired but really happy to see my family. Thanks to everyone that came and saw me off at the bus stop.

OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

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<http://come.to/mlitho>

You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.

6TH GILCOAST PLTU

A most successful 6th Gilcoast PLTU was held at Gilwood in East London under the leadership of Course Director Bruce Maree. What did the staff and participants think of PLTU? To find out we went straight to the source.

Staff Member Johan van Rooyen (Badger), TS of 1st Uitenhage (SOE): From the morning of the 31st December 2000, the staff of the 6th GILCOAST PLTU, under directorship of Bruce Maree, occupied Gilwood camp in East London to do preparation work.

The participants arrived on 3rd January 2001, ready to prove that they are the cream of the future Scout leaders in the area. For 12 long days they experienced various physical and mental challenges designed to equip them in the best possible way.

For me as a Tutor this was a great experience. I now realise that without the experience of PLTU a Scout is actually poor in knowledge and experience, but most of all in leadership skills. I witnessed the growth of 22 young boys from wise guys to strong young leaders.

I also gained a lot of experience and knowledge over this period and returned home as a Troop Scouter far better equipped than before. I am really looking forward to attending the 7th Gilcoast PLTU.

Quartermaster's report; Assistant PLTU Troop Leader Neal Reynolds: On December 31st 2000, the staff arrived at Gilwood for the 6th Gilcoast PLTU course. It was a great honour to be invited to attend this training course as only the qualified and trustworthy scouts are chosen. The team of Quartermasters were led by Craig Hewetson, the Troop Leader, and seconded by Neal Reynolds, the Assistant Troop Leader, both from 1st Uitenhage (SOE). The other quartermasters were: Brian Reynolds, Patrick Wilson, Conrad de Vroom and Graham Carney. Sven Arndt was the assistant caterer.

This young and enthusiastic team of scouters tackled their duties and set a very high standard, thus helping the course participants to gain an abundance of knowledge and experience. The quartermasters in return could draw from the experience of the Course Leaders i.e. Bruce Maree and his staff.

For two weeks the Gilwood premises were a hive of activity, inhabited by both human beings and an abundance of sand fleas. The insects could not dampen the spirit and the course turned out to be a great success where the pre-course preparation and excellent planning triumphed. We as staff felt rewarded by the results. It was fantastic to share knowledge in order to be rewarded with a whole new contingent of well-trained Patrol Leaders. The Quartermasters thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to attending future PLTU courses.

Dieter van Rooyen; Participant: When I first heard I had to spend two weeks of my well-earned holiday at PLTU, I was not too happy. But, in retrospect,

those 11 days marked a turning point in my experience as a Scout. Not only did I learn new skills but I also gained perspective on a lot of life skills. We learnt a lot of basic skills which we also had to apply at PLTU. Things that you'd expect of a Scout such as advanced pioneering, orienteering and survival. But the main emphasis was on leadership and working together as a patrol. Since the end of the course I've continuously applied these skills in day to day life. But PLTU wasn't only about learning, it was also about having fun and making new friends. It was a great challenge which I have met and looking back now I feel proud of myself. In conclusion I would strongly recommend any future Patrol Leader to attend a PLTU course. The experience, for me, was invaluable.

Denver Birch; Participant: PLTU has been a great experience. It is a challenge and challenges are there to be conquered. PLTU takes a person to his limit and helps you realise how strong you really are. The course has taught me many things which I will need to achieve my Springbok one day but the most important of those is discipline, self-confidence and respect. Once someone has completed the course he will find a new reason to carry on with scouts and not quit. No one knows what they are capable of until they've attended a PLTU course.

The course is extremely helpful and important if you want to achieve your Springbok Badge. The experiences had on the course are priceless and most of all unforgettable. It is a highly recommended course but I am not permitted to give you any information on what happens there, so in order for you to understand what I've just said you will have to experience it for yourself. Thousands of people have attended the course and not one person has been disappointed in having attended it unless they failed which rarely happens. Don't be fooled, the course is tough and not to be taken lightly. Just think what you will feel like after completing the course. Take it from someone who's experienced it first hand. It's a great feeling.



**PATROL LEADER TRAINING UNIT 6th GILCOAST COURSE
3 -13 January 2001**

Back: Robert Hanvey, Sandile Mbambo, Dieter van Rooyen, Graeme Emslie, Mark Burgess, Michael Kerr, Shane Stein.

4th Row: Brian Reynolds, Thomas Martin, Sven Arndt, Graham Carney, Conrad de Vroom, Ryan Yates, Cyril Bratt

3rd Row: Sheldon Richards, Aljoscha Bonstein, Robin Neilson, Rhys van Aardt, Neil O'Brien, Patrick Wilson, Robert Meintjes, Wayne Oates, Jared Logie, Denver Birch

Seated: Mike Richards, Brad Johnson, Neal Reynolds, Craig Hewetson, Bruce Maree, Jeff Ferreira, Ken Nortje, Johan van Rooyen, Lenny Gardner

Front: Brett Mitchell, Stephen Stein, Ricky McWilliam, Kalvin Garner, Gareth Hewetson, Brent Bailey, P. J. Slabbert

7TH GILCOAST PLTU

Dates for the 7th Gilcoast PLTU are as follows:

Staff 30 December 2001 to 13 January 2002

Participants 2 January 2002 to 12 January 2002

CUB SOCCER CHALLENGE 2001

DATE	Sunday 1 April 2001
TIME	11:30 kick-off (prompt)
PLACE	Victoria Park Grey Primary School
ENTRY FEE	R20 per Pack (includes a blanket badge)
REQUIREMENTS	5-a-side 2 reserves No boots Only takkie type shoes or bare feet A whistle and a ball A referee over 18 years
TUCK	A tuckshop will sell light refreshments - chips, sweets, cooldrinks etc. No hot food

Please reply to Jan Hopkins Tel 041 3791955 before Friday 16 March 2001.

THE POWER OF THOUGHT

Submitted by Jan Hopkins

Last month we published a simple test, "WHERE'S JOE?", to check out how much assuming we do. Here are the answers.

All statements are questionable. We can't be sure if they are right or wrong.

1. We can assume the Leader and the Troop Scouter are one and the same person, but we can't be sure.
2. The Leader who turned off the lights might have been a female Cub Leader, or a Leader of any other group.
3. We don't know if the man was Joe Smith's father; we don't know if Joe is a boy or an adult.
4. We don't know if the Patrol Leader was the boy who went off.
5. We don't know what Joe Smith was.
6. A troop meeting might have ended or could be about to start after another meeting had ended.
7. We don't know who arrived on a bicycle.
8. We don't know if anyone ran to get Joe. All we know is that a boy ran off.
9. It all depends on the assumption you make about how many leaders there are, and whether Joe is a boy or an adult.
10. We know the lights were turned off, but it's often necessary to have lights on in the daytime in meeting rooms.

Become aware of the assumptions you make. If they are correct, stay with them; if not, don't let them restrict you. How we think about something or someone directly affects how we feel, and consequently how we act.

"BP SPIRIT" Electronic News

BP SPIRIT Electronic News being compiled by Hazel Smith has come out with the first edition and can be found on ScoutWeb South Africa - www.scouting.org.za Hazel appeals to all for articles to make BP SPIRIT a truly South African publication - she can be reached on e-mail at hazel@scouting.org.za or contact can be made at - Suite106, Private bag X82329, Rustenburg 0299.

1ST NEW BRIGHTON TROOP LEARNING SOME PIONEERING



CAPE EASTERN AREA JULY 2000 CENSUS

Informal

Groups	Cubs	Scouts	Adults
76	1069	1048	103

Formal

21	223	236	94
Rovers 4		Lay Support 59	
Girl Scouts (inc) 11			
Properties Owned/Leased 18			

SANJAMB

Dr Angus Hay is the camp Chief for Sanjamb 2001 which is to be held at the Vaal Dam in Gauteng from 10 to 19 December. He is looking for camp staff to fill the roles of TL's and ATL's plus support service staff in medical, fire, transport, catering, stores, security and general duties departments. Activity base leaders are also required. Contact him at sanjamb@scouting.org.za, or telephone 011-339-2711. Take a look also at the SANJAMB website <http://sanjamb.scouting.org.za> - great fun and enjoyment is guaranteed.

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